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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TOKYO APRIL 7, 1973 FROM SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: LOS REFERENCE TO CHINA IN US DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED
TO THE UN SEABED COMMITTEE

1. US DELEGATION TO UN SEABED COMMITTEE IS INSTRUCTED TO
TAKE ACTION BEFORE END OF CURRENT COMMITTEE SESSION TO
CORRECT REFERENCES TO PRC AND ROC IN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
PUBLICATION (PROFESSIONAL PAPER 817) DISTRIBUTED TO
OTHER DELEGATIONS ON MARCH 13. PAGES IN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
PAPER WHICH REFER TO " CHINA, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF" SHOULD
BE CHANGED TO READ " CHINA". THE ROC SHOULD BE LISTED AS
" REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)". FORM OF CORRECTION TO BE
DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS IS LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION.

2. IF DELEGATION ALSO DECIDES TO DISTRIBUTE GEOGRAPHER' S
STUDY (" NATIONAL CLAIMS TO MARITIME JURISDICTION"), REVISED
TO INCORPORATE ABOVE REFERENCES TO CHINA, IT SHOULD BE
ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE CORRECTED GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
PAPER.

3. DELEGATION SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER ANY STATEMENT ON
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REFERENCES TO " CHINA" WHEN ISSUING CORRECTION TO
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PAPER AND REVISED GEOGRAPHER' S STUDY.
IF PRC REPS COMMENT ON ISSUE, DELEGATION SHOULD:

(A) REGRET THAT POLITICAL MATTERS ARE BEING BROUGHT UP IN
THE SEABED COMMITTEE (OR RELEVANT SUBGROUP);

(B) DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT DATA ON THE PRC ARE
LISTED UNDER THE HEADING CHINA;

(C) SAY THAT " CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION THAT ALL
RELEVANT DATA SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS OF THIS KIND, DATA PERTAINING TO TAIWAN ARE
ALSO LISTED;" AND

(D) THAT US POSITION ON CHINA REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN
SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

4. FYI. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THIS APPROACH ESSENTIAL
TO ASSURE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT US POLICY
TOWARDS CHINA GENERALLY OR IN THE UN SPECIFICALLY. THE
RECORD AS IT NOW STANDS IS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF
US POLICY. WE REALIZE THAT THE ABOVE APPROACH WILL NOT
SATISFY PEKING, BUT THAT IS NOT OUR OBJECTIVE. END FYI.
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